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Governor Schwarzenegger Appoints Eugene Balonon to Sacramento County Superior Court

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today announced the appointment of Eugene Balonon to a judgeship in the Sacramento County Superior Court.

Balonon, 48, of Wilton, has served as executive director of the Gambling Control Commission since 2004. Previously, he was a deputy district attorney in the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office from 1999 to 2004, from 1995 to 1996 and also from 1985 to 1989. Balonon served as chief deputy and director of the California State Lottery from 1996 to 1999. His experience also includes six years as counsel and later deputy director of the Office of Criminal Justice Planning and three years as a legal writing professor at Lincoln Law School.

Balonon earned his Juris Doctorate degree from Lincoln Law School and Bachelor of Arts degree from California State University, Sacramento. He has been a member of the Asian Bar Association, the National Trial Lawyers Association and the Sacramento County Attorneys Association. He fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Jeffrey L. Gunther. Balonon is a Republican.

The compensation for this position is \$149,160.

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